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LOOK AT 'EM! WALKING AS THOUGH THEY OWNED THE EARTH, WHEN THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF CHEAP HOODS!
Y'SEE HOW EVERYBODY RESPECTS US, PALS? AS LONG AS WE STICK TOGETHER, WE'LL KEEP GETTIN' DAT RESPECT!
LOCK THE DOORS, JIM! LUCKY AND HIS PALS ARE BACK!
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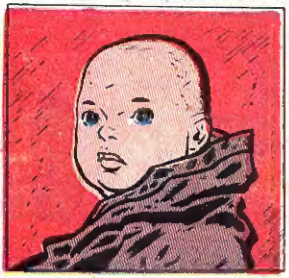
CLEVELAND, OHIO IN 1912 IS WHEN THE SAGA OF LUCKY CABELLO BEGAN... A SAGA OF SORDID CRIME AND DISTORTED, TWISTED AMBITION, FOR IT WAS HERE, IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SLUM SECTION THAT HE WAS BORN!

OUR THIRD CHILD AND IT'S A BOY! THE FIRST! THAT'S A LUCKY SIGN, ANNA!
LUCKY! WE'LL NAME HIM DOMINICK AFTER YOU, BUT WE'LL NICKNAME HIM LUCKY!

"LUCKY!" THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED HIM! LOOK AT HIM NOW, AN INNOCENT, NEW-BORN INFANT. LOOK AT HIM CAREFULLY, FOR THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL SEE HIM AS ONE SO FREE FROM GUILE AND VICIOUSNESS!



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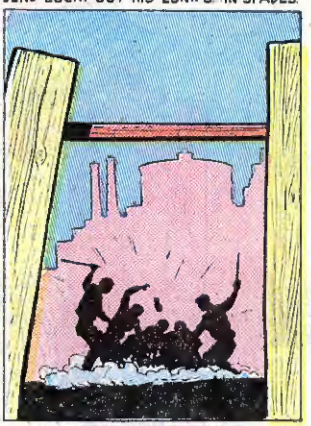
ITEM ONE... A THIEF... ITEM TWO.. A BULLY!

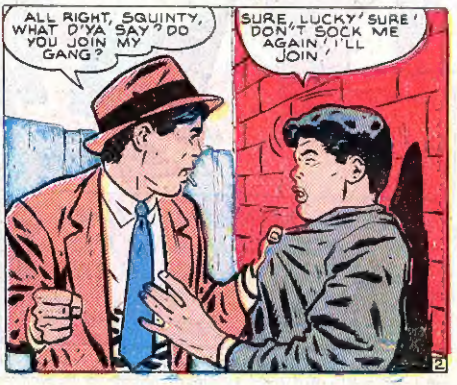
BIGGER, STRONGER, THAN MOST OF THE FELLOWS HIS AGE, LUCKY BULLIED HIS WAY, PUSHING WEAKER KIDS AROUND. THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY THEY COULD GET EVEN.. AND THEY DID IT!

AND LUCKY GOT HIS LUMPS.. IN SPADES!



NOW GET OUTTA HERE AND STAY AWAY FROM US! WE DON'T WANT GUYS LIKE YOU IN OUR GANG!
THEN I'LL GET MY OWN GANG.. AN' I'LL RUN YOU GUYS OUTTA DA NEIGHBORHOOD FER DIS!

LUCKY, FROM THAT DAY ON, HAD ONLY ONE AMBITION.. TO GATHER ABOUT HIM A GANG THAT WOULD ACCEPT HIM AS LEADER AND OBEY HIS ORDERS WITHOUT QUESTION! HE DID THIS BY GOING TO THOSE WHO WERE LIKE HIMSELF, OUTCASTS!



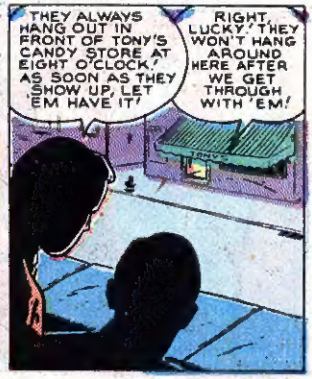
SQUINTY McLEAN, LIMPY ANDREWS, STUTTERING SOL GENNERO, AND CAT SIMPKINS ... ALL LIKE LUCKY, UNWANTED AND DESPISED BY THE REGULAR KIDS. THESE MADE UP LUCKY'S GANG.

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT. I'M THE BOSS OF THIS GANG. ANYBODY WHO GETS OUT OF LINE WILL GET HIS LUMPS FROM ME, PERSONALLY.
OKAY, LUCKY.
YOU'RE THE BOSS.

THEY HAD ONE OTHER CHARACTERISTIC IN COMMON. THEY WERE ALL YOUNGER AND WEAKER THAN LUCKY. AND THEY WERE ALL AFRAID OF HIM.

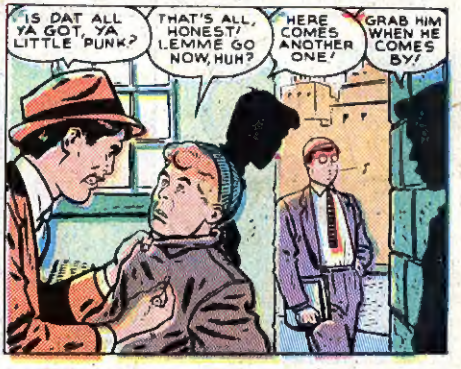
THE FIRST THING WE GOTTA DO IS FIX SKINNY AMES AND HIS CROWD. I'LL SHOW 'EM WHO'S THE BIG WHEEL IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
WE'LL GIVE 'EM THE OLD SHOCK TREATMENT, HUH, LUCKY?

WITH THE GANG BEHIND HIM, LUCKY HAD THE COURAGE TO MAKE WAR ON THE REGULAR GUYS. THAT NIGHT THEY ALL SNEAKED UP ON THE ROOFS OF HALSEY AVENUE.


THEY ALWAYS HANG OUT IN FRONT OF TONY'S CANDY STORE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, AS SOON AS THEY SHOW UP, LET 'EM HAVE IT.
RIGHT, LUCKY. THEY WON'T HANG AROUND HERE AFTER WE GET THROUGH WITH 'EM.

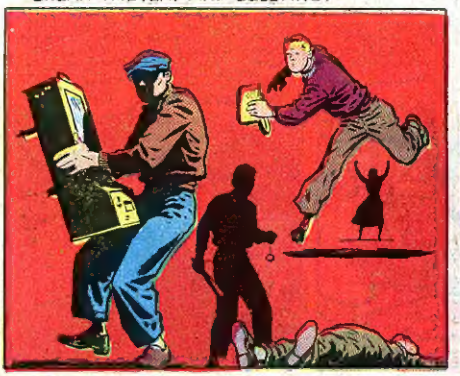
WHEN SKINNY AMES AND HIS CROWD GATHERED FOR THEIR NIGHTLY HANGOUT, A DELUGE OF BRICKS AND GARBAGE RAINED DOWN ON THEM.

FORTUNATELY NOBODY WAS SERIOUSLY HURT. LUCKY AND HIS GANG GOT AWAY, GLOATING TO THEMSELVES. FLUSHED WITH POWER AND VICTORY, LUCKY NEXT PLANNED THE ROBBERY OF LUNCH MONEY OF CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL.



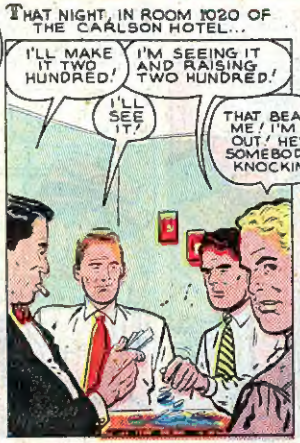
NOW LUCKY WAS IN HIS GLORY. AS LEADER HE TOOK THE LION'S SHARE OF THEIR CHEAP LOOT.

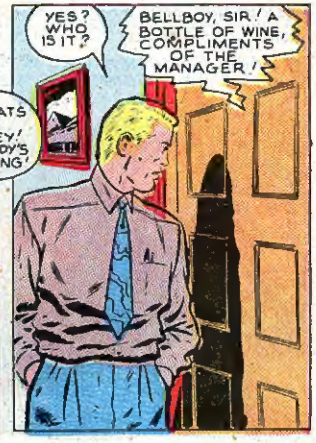
So LUCKY CABELLO, THE HOODLUM WHO COULDN'T HAVE FRIENDS, FORMED HIS OWN KIND OF FRIENDSHIP... THROUGH FEAR AND FORCE! IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED HIS GANG STUCK TOGETHER, TERRORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THEIR SNEAK THIEVERY AND BULLYING!



By 1934 WHEN THEY WERE GROWN-UP, LUCKY CALLED THE GANG HIS CRIME SYNDICATE AND HE MADE PLANS FOR BIGGER SPOILS!

TONIGHT WE TAKE OVER THAT BIG POKER GAME IN THE CARLSON HOTEL! THERE OUGHTTA BE A BIG TAKE! THOSE GUYS PLAY HEAVY!
WE GOT IT STRAIGHT, LUCKY! HOPE NONE OF THOSE GUYS CARRY A ROD!
WE PACK 'EM OURSELVES SO DON'T WORRY!


THAT NIGHT, IN ROOM 1020 OF THE CARLSON HOTEL...
I'LL MAKE IT TWO HUNDRED!
I'M SEEING IT AND RAISING TWO HUNDRED!
I'LL SEE IT!
THAT BEATS ME! I'M OUT! HEY! SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING!



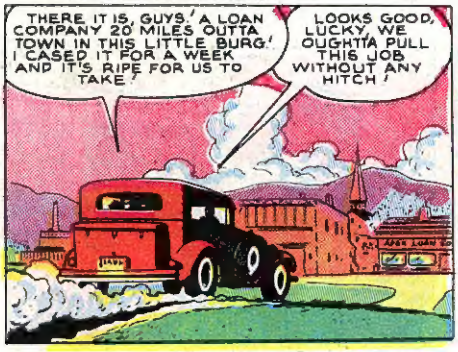
ALL RIGHT, HAND IT OVER! ALL OF IT!
ALL OF WHAT? THE CHIPS? THERE'S NO CASH IN THIS GAME! WE PAY OFF IN CHECKS!
WHAT NO... NO MONEY?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S QUITE A LAUGH ON YOU GUYS!

THE "BIG TAKE" ON THE CRIME SYNDICATE'S FIRST MAJOR UNDERTAKING WAS EXACTLY $50.24! THERE WAS MUCH GRUMBLING WHEN THE GANG GOT BACK TO THEIR HANGOUT!

LUCKY WAS FRANTIC! THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HIS LUCK HAD NOT BEEN GOOD! HE KNEW THAT ANOTHER FLOP LIKE THAT AND THE GANG WOULD BREAK UP IN DISGUST... AND HE'D LOSE HIS "FRIENDS!" THAT TO HIM WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL!

I GOT ANOTHER HAUL LINED UP... A REAL BIG ONE! I GOTTA HAVE TIME TO WORK IT OUT!
TRY TO SEE WE DON'T GET PAID OFF IN CHIPS THE NEXT TIME, PAL!

FRIENDSHIP AMONG CROOKS IS A THREADBARE THING AT BEST, BUT TO LUCKY IT MEANT EVERYTHING! THE FEAR THAT HE WASN'T WANTED... THAT HE'D BE ALONE, WITHOUT A GANG AT HIS BECK AND CALL, WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM! SO HE MADE SURE OF A WAY TO HOLD HIS FRIENDS TOGETHER!


THERE IT IS, GUYS! A LOAN COMPANY 20 MILES OUTTA TOWN IN THIS LITTLE BURG! I CASED IT FOR A WEEK AND IT'S RIPE FOR US TO TAKE!
LOOKS GOOD, LUCKY, WE OUGHTTA PULL THIS JOB WITHOUT ANY HITCH!
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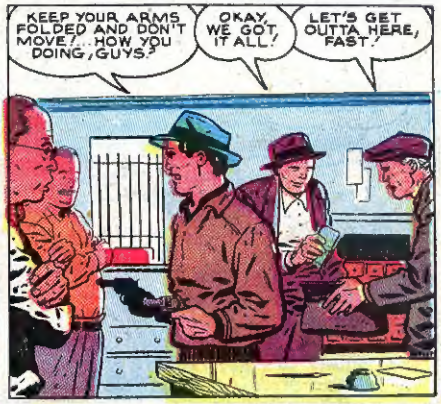
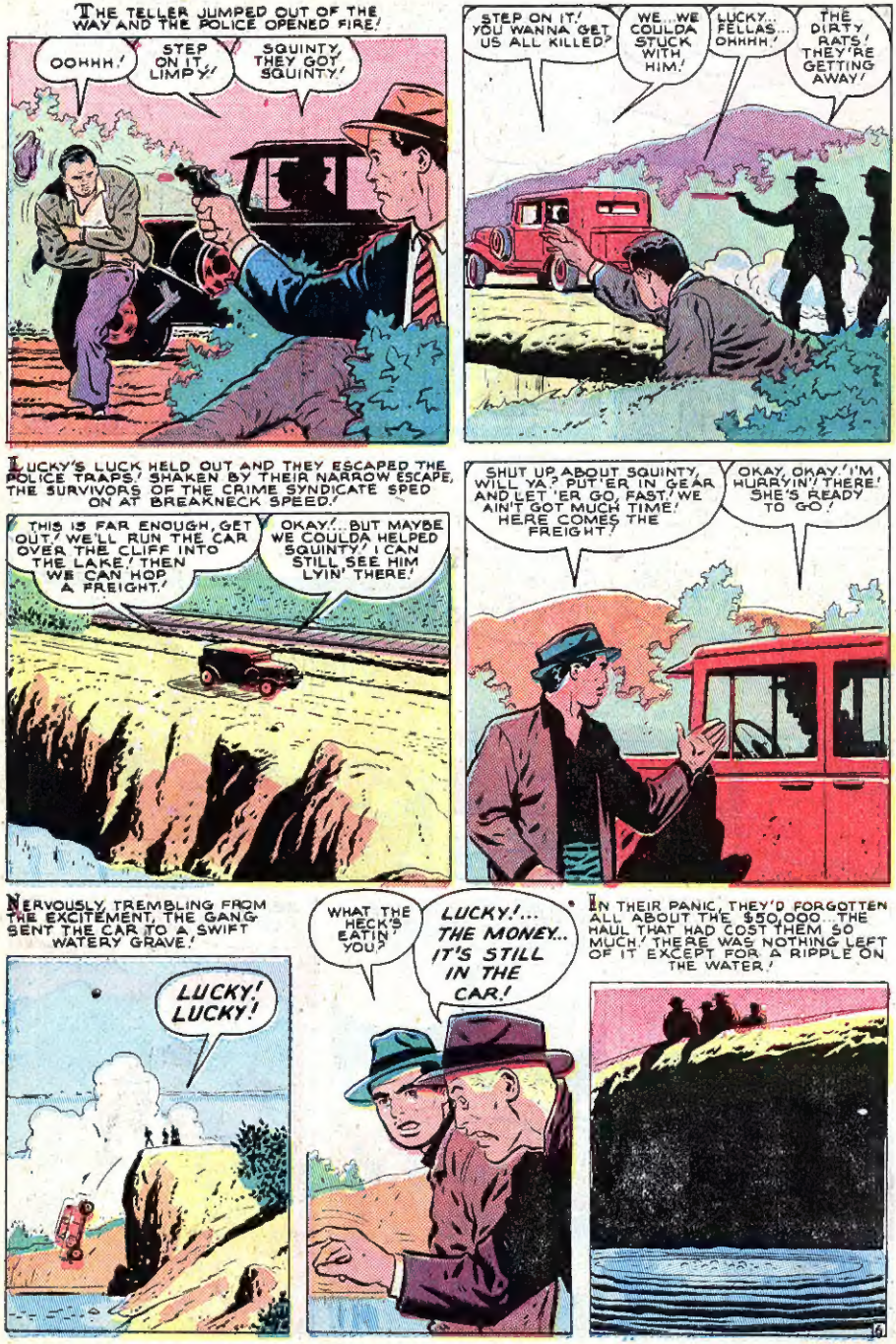
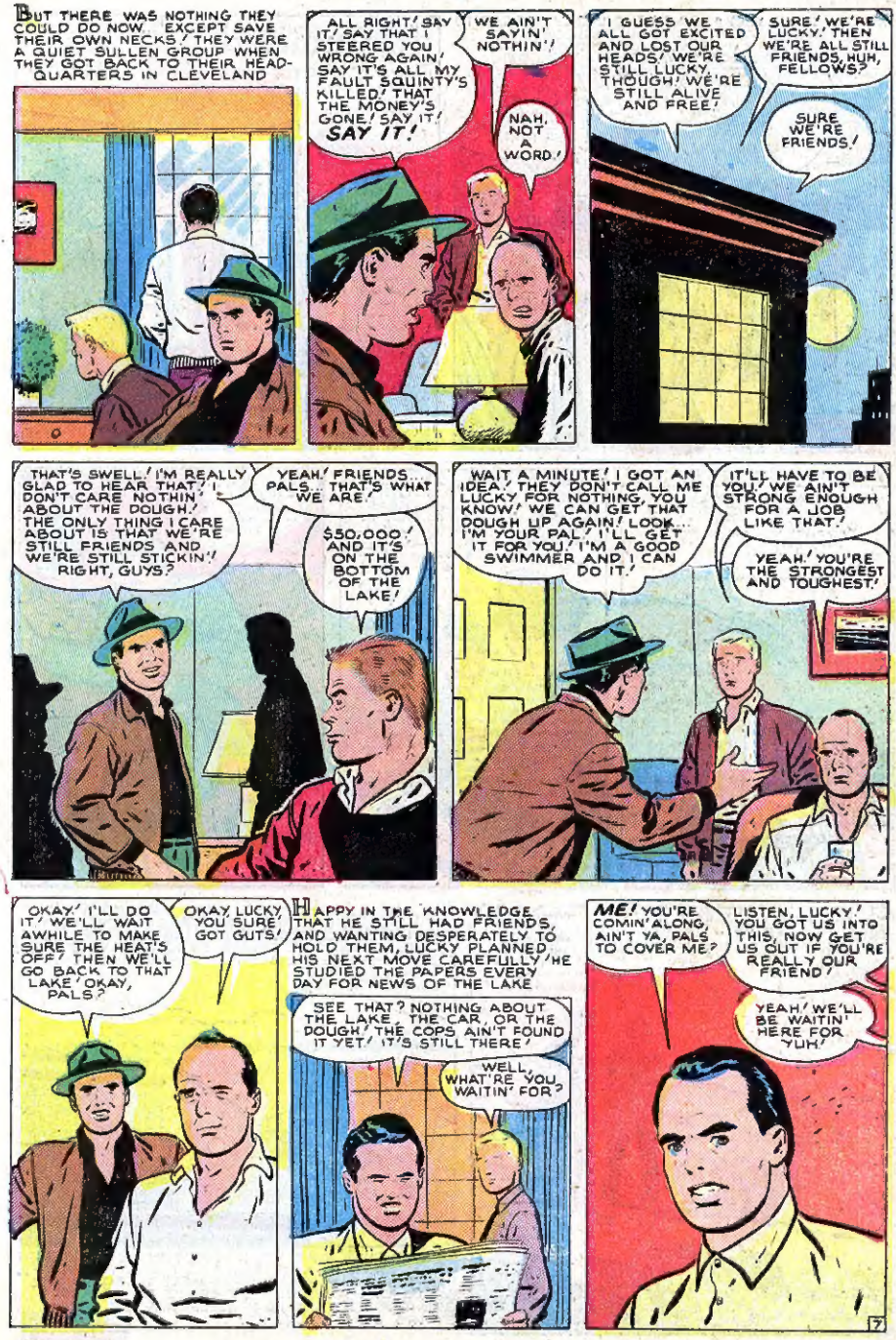


C'MON, BUSTER, WE'RE TAKIN' YOU WITH US! IF THESE JERKS SQUAWK TO THE COPS, YOU GET PLUGGED!
YOU GOT THAT? WE WILL LET THIS GUY GO AFTER WE'RE MILES AWAY! IN TWO HOURS IF WE'RE NOT STOPPED BY THE COPS!

JASON SMYTHE, THE TELLER WAS KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN BY THE GANG AS GETAWAY INSURANCE! TWO HOURS LATER, A HUNDRED MILES AWAY...


THE TELLER JUMPED OUT OF THE WAY AND THE POLICE OPENED FIRE!
OOHHH!
STEP ON IT, LIMPY!
SQUINTY, THEY GOT SQUINTY!
STEP ON IT! YOU WANNA GET US ALL KILLED?
WE...WE COULDA STUCK WITH HIM!
LUCKY... FELLAS... OHHHH!
THE DIRTY RATS! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
LUCKY'S LUCK HELD OUT AND THEY ESCAPED THE POLICE TRAPS! SHAKEN BY THEIR NARROW ESCAPE, THE SURVIVORS OF THE CRIME SYNDICATE SPED ON AT BREAKNECK SPEED!
THIS IS FAR ENOUGH, GET OUT! WE'LL RUN THE CAR OVER THE CLIFF INTO THE LAKE! THEN WE CAN HOP A FREIGHT!
OKAY!..BUT MAYBE WE COULDA HELPED SQUINTY! I CAN STILL SEE HIM LYIN' THERE!
SHUT UP ABOUT SQUINTY, WILL YA? PUT 'ER IN GEAR AND LET 'ER GO, FAST! WE AIN'T GOT MUCH TIME! HERE COMES THE FREIGHT!
OKAY, OKAY! I'M HURRYIN'! THERE! SHE'S READY TO GO!
NERVOUSLY TREMBLING FROM THE EXCITEMENT, THE GANG SENT THE CAR TO A SWIFT WATERY GRAVE!
LUCKY! LUCKY!
WHAT THE HECK'S EATIN' YOU?
LUCKY!... THE MONEY.. IT'S STILL IN THE CAR!
IN THEIR PANIC, THEY'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THE $50,000...THE HAUL THAT HAD COST THEM SO MUCH! THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF IT EXCEPT FOR A RIPPLE ON THE WATER!


BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD DO NOW... EXCEPT SAVE THEIR OWN NECKS / THEY WERE A QUIET SULLEN GROUP WHEN THEY GOT BACK TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN CLEVELAND
ALL RIGHT / SAY IT / SAY THAT I STEERED YOU WRONG AGAIN / SAY IT'S ALL MY FAULT SQUINTY'S KILLED / THAT THE MONEY'S GONE / SAY IT / SAY IT!
WE AIN'T SAYIN' NOTHIN'!
NAH, NOT A WORD!
I GUESS WE ALL GOT EXCITED AND LOST OUR HEADS / WE'RE STILL LUCKY THOUGH / WE'RE STILL ALIVE AND FREE!
SURE / WE'RE LUCKY / THEN WE'RE ALL STILL FRIENDS, HUH, FELLOWS?
SURE WE'RE FRIENDS!
THAT'S SWELL / I'M REALLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT / I DON'T CARE NOTHIN' ABOUT THE DOUGH / THE ONLY THING I CARE ABOUT IS THAT WE'RE STILL FRIENDS AND WE'RE STILL STICKIN' / RIGHT, GUYS?
YEAH / FRIENDS... PALS... THAT'S WHAT WE ARE.
$50,000 / AND IT'S ON THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE!
WAIT A MINUTE / I GOT AN IDEA / THEY DON'T CALL ME LUCKY FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW / WE CAN GET THAT DOUGH UP AGAIN / LOOK... I'M YOUR PAL / I'LL GET IT FOR YOU / I'M A GOOD SWIMMER AND I CAN DO IT.
IT'LL HAVE TO BE YOU WE AIN'T STRONG ENOUGH FOR A JOB LIKE THAT.
YEAH / YOU'RE THE STRONGEST AND TOUGHEST.
OKAY / I'LL DO IT / WE'LL WAIT AWHILE TO MAKE SURE THE HEAT'S OFF / THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO THAT LAKE / OKAY, PALS?
OKAY, LUCKY / YOU SURE GOT GUTS!
HAPPY IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE STILL HAD FRIENDS, AND WANTING DESPERATELY TO HOLD THEM, LUCKY PLANNED HIS NEXT MOVE CAREFULLY / HE STUDIED THE PAPERS EVERY DAY FOR NEWS OF THE LAKE
SEE THAT? NOTHING ABOUT THE LAKE OR THE CAR, OR THE DOUGH / THE COPS AIN'T FOUND IT YET / IT'S STILL THERE!
WELL, WHAT'RE YOU WAITIN' FOR?
ME! YOU'RE COMIN' ALONG, AIN'T YA, PALS TO COVER ME?
LISTEN, LUCKY / YOU GOT US INTO THIS, NOW GET US OUT IF YOU'RE REALLY OUR FRIEND!
YEAH / WE'LL BE WAITIN' HERE FOR YUH!
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TO PROVE HE WAS THEIR FRIEND, LUCKY AGREED TO GO ALONE. BUT THE MINUTE HE LEFT FOR THE LAKE, LIMPY, SOL AND THE CAT PUT THE FINGER ON HIM, CALLING THE COPS!
YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT! NEVER MIND WHO THIS IS! THE GUY WHO ROBBED APEX IS AT COOGANS LAKE, DIVIN' FOR THE DOUGH! G'BYE!
THE DIRTY RAT! SAYS HE'S OUR FRIEND, THEN LEAVES SQUINTY TO DIE! THIS'LL FIX HIM!
MIGHTY INTERESTING CONVERSATION, BOYS! I HEARD EVERYTHING!
A COP!
DAT'S DAT! CABELLO'S BAD LUCK RUBBED OFF ON US!
WHEN LUCKY GOT TO THE LAKE!
WHAT A LUCKY BREAK! THERE AIN'T NOBODY AROUND! THIS'LL PROVE WHAT A FRIEND I AM TO THE GUYS!
THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, CABELLO?
WHA...?
LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A GUN!
I'LL... I'LL... LIMPY? SOL! CAT! OHHH!
YUH... YUH G-G-GOT ME! I'M FINISHED!... BUT... AT LEAST... I CAN DIE HAPPY! I... I GOT FRIENDS... GOOD FRIENDS!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, CABELLO! YOUR "FRIENDS" PUT THE FINGER ON YOU!
FOR AN INSTANT LUCKY'S EYES OPENED WIDE WITH DISBELIEF... THEN THEY BECAME GLASSY AND UNSEEING! THE VICIOUS HISTORY OF LUCKY CABELLO AND THE CRIME SYNDICATE WAS OVER!
HIS "FRIENDS" ARE STILL IN PRISON, SENTENCED TO LONG TERMS IN ALCATRAZ! SO THE ATTEMPT OF A HEARTLESS BULLY AND BRAGGART TO FORM THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BY BRUTE FORCE AND CRIME FAILED, AND HE HIMSELF WAS CUT DOWN BY HIS OWN WEAKNESS!
THE END

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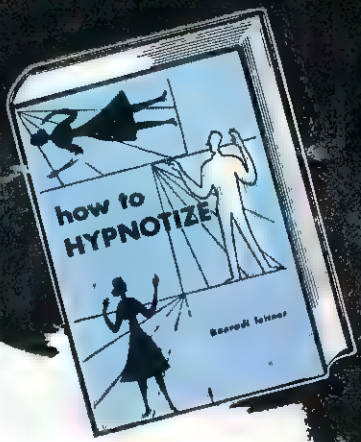

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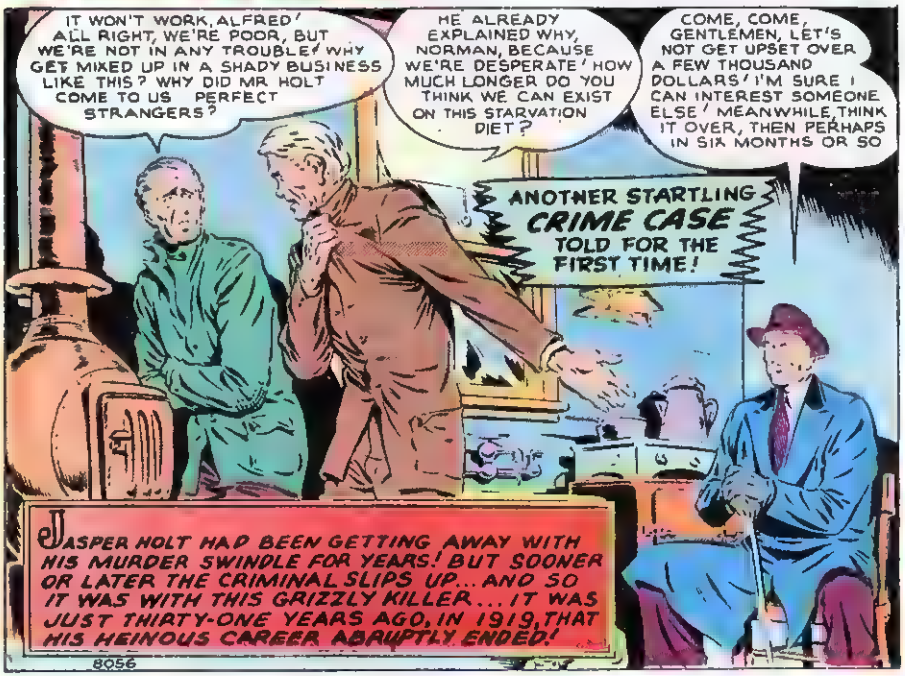
IT WON'T WORK, ALFRED! ALL RIGHT, WE'RE POOR, BUT WE'RE NOT IN ANY TROUBLE! WHY GET MIXED UP IN A SHADY BUSINESS LIKE THIS? WHY DID MR HOLT COME TO US PERFECT STRANGERS?
HE ALREADY EXPLAINED WHY, NORMAN, BECAUSE WE'RE DESPERATE! HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU THINK WE CAN EXIST ON THIS STARVATION DIET?
COME, COME, GENTLEMEN, LET'S NOT GET UPSET OVER A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS! I'M SURE I CAN INTEREST SOMEONE ELSE! MEANWHILE, THINK IT OVER, THEN PERHAPS IN SIX MONTHS OR SO
ANOTHER STARTLING CRIME CASE TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME!
JASPER HOLT HAD BEEN GETTING AWAY WITH HIS MURDER SWINDLE FOR YEARS! BUT SOONER OR LATER THE CRIMINAL SLIPS UP... AND SO IT WAS WITH THIS GRIZZLY KILLER... IT WAS JUST THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO, IN 1919, THAT HIS HEINOUS CAREER ABRUPTLY ENDED!
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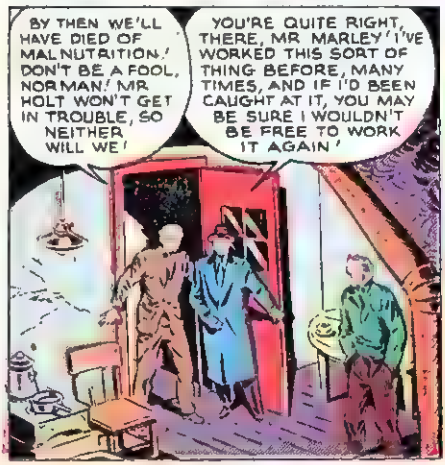
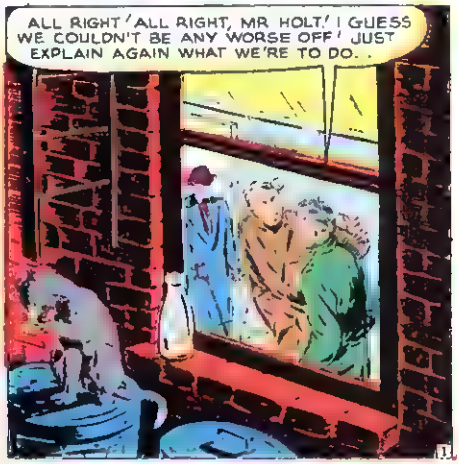
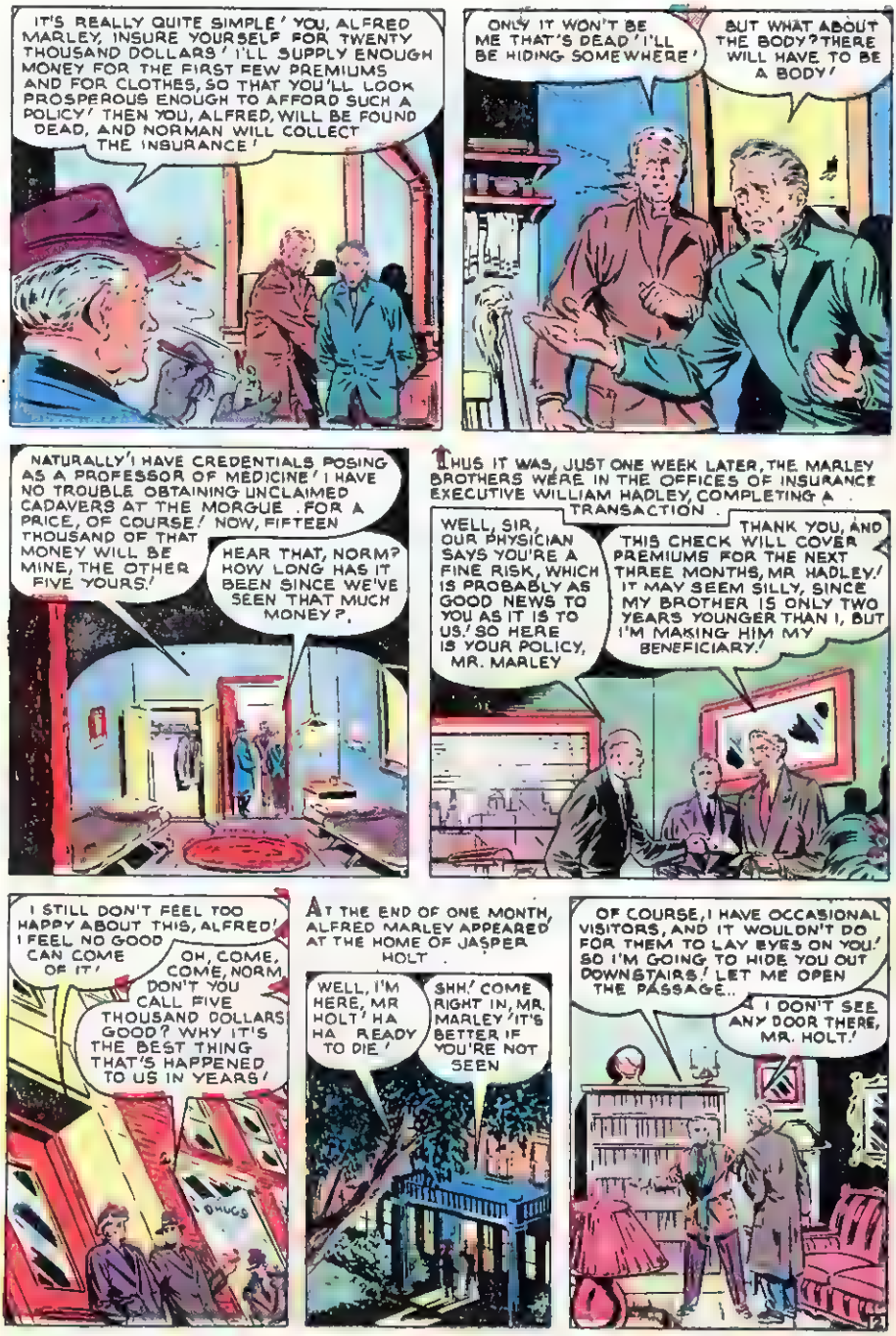

BY THEN WE'LL HAVE DIED OF MALNUTRITION! DON'T BE A FOOL, NORMAN! MR HOLT WON'T GET IN TROUBLE, SO NEITHER WILL WE!
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT, THERE, MR MARLEY! I'VE WORKED THIS SORT OF THING BEFORE, MANY TIMES, AND IF I'D BEEN CAUGHT AT IT, YOU MAY BE SURE I WOULDN'T BE FREE TO WORK IT AGAIN!




IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE' YOU, ALFRED MARLEY, INSURE YOURSELF FOR TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS' I'LL SUPPLY ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE FIRST FEW PREMIUMS AND FOR CLOTHES, SO THAT YOU'LL LOOK PROSPEROUS ENOUGH TO AFFORD SUCH A POLICY' THEN YOU, ALFRED, WILL BE FOUND DEAD, AND NORMAN WILL COLLECT THE INSURANCE'
ONLY IT WON'T BE ME THAT'S DEAD' I'LL BE HIDING SOMEWHERE'
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BODY? THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A BODY'
NATURALLY' I HAVE CREDENTIALS POSING AS A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE' I HAVE NO TROUBLE OBTAINING UNCLAIMED CADAVERS AT THE MORGUE . FOR A PRICE, OF COURSE' NOW, FIFTEEN THOUSAND OF THAT MONEY WILL BE MINE, THE OTHER FIVE YOURS'
HEAR THAT, NORM? HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE SEEN THAT MUCH MONEY?
THUS IT WAS, JUST ONE WEEK LATER, THE MARLEY BROTHERS WERE IN THE OFFICES OF INSURANCE EXECUTIVE WILLIAM HADLEY, COMPLETING A TRANSACTION .
WELL, SIR, OUR PHYSICIAN SAYS YOU'RE A FINE RISK, WHICH IS PROBABLY AS GOOD NEWS TO YOU AS IT IS TO US' SO HERE IS YOUR POLICY, MR. MARLEY
THANK YOU, AND THIS CHECK WILL COVER PREMIUMS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, MR HADLEY' IT MAY SEEM SILLY, SINCE MY BROTHER IS ONLY TWO YEARS YOUNGER THAN I, BUT I'M MAKING HIM MY BENEFICIARY'
I STILL DON'T FEEL TOO HAPPY ABOUT THIS, ALFRED' I FEEL NO GOOD CAN COME OF IT'
OH, COME, COME, NORM, DON'T YOU CALL FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS GOOD? WHY IT'S THE BEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO US IN YEARS'
DRUGS
AT THE END OF ONE MONTH, ALFRED MARLEY APPEARED AT THE HOME OF JASPER HOLT .
WELL, I'M HERE, MR HOLT' HA HA READY TO DIE'
SHH' COME RIGHT IN, MR. MARLEY' IT'S BETTER IF YOU'RE NOT SEEN
OF COURSE, I HAVE OCCASIONAL VISITORS, AND IT WOULDN'T DO FOR THEM TO LAY EYES ON YOU' SO I'M GOING TO HIDE YOU OUT DOWNSTAIRS' LET ME OPEN THE PASSAGE..
I DON'T SEE ANY DOOR THERE, MR. HOLT'

OH! WHY THERE'S A SECRET PASSAGE BEHIND THE BOOK-CASE! YOU'RE REALLY WELL PREPARED
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW WELL PREPARED. . BUT SEE FOR YOURSELF!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY HIDE-OUT, MR. MARLEY, NICELY EQUIPPED, ISN'T IT?
IT'S FRIGHTENING, GRUESOME!
IS THIS WHERE I'M TO STAY? I HOPE IT WON'T BE FOR LONG!
BELIEVE ME, IT WON'T! I'M MOST ANXIOUS TO COLLECT YOUR INSURANCE!
WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WHY, I THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND . YOUR BROTHER WON'T BENEFIT TILL YOU'RE DEAD! THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL INSIST ON A CORPSE BEFORE PAYING OFF! IT IS MY BUSINESS TO SUPPLY ONE FOR THEM!
B-BUT YOU SAID YOU'D GET ONE FROM THE MORGUE! YOU COULDN'T GET AWAY WITH KILLING ME! MY BROTHER WOULD FIND OUT AND TELL THE POLICE!
OH, THAT MORGUE BUSINESS WAS JUST A NECESSARY BIT OF SALESTALK! AS FOR YOUR BROTHER.. SURELY HE'LL KEEP QUIET RATHER THAN GO TO JAIL! IF NOT, WELL, I HAVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH UNREASONABLE PEOPLE!
NO! NO! YOU CAN'T BE THAT COLD-BLOODED!
INDEED I CAN, MR MARLEY! IF THERE WERE TIME, I'D SHOW YOU THE REMAINS OF PREVIOUS BENEFACTORS! GOOD-BYE, MR. MARLEY, AND THANK YOU!
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And to think they used to call me

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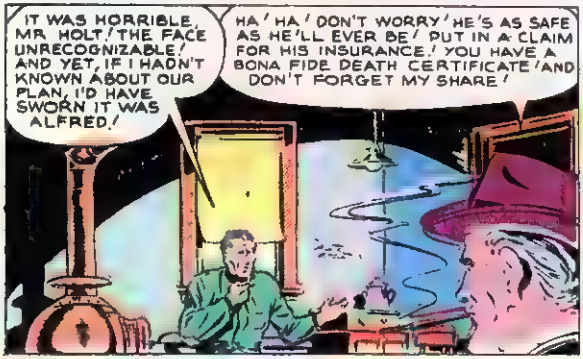
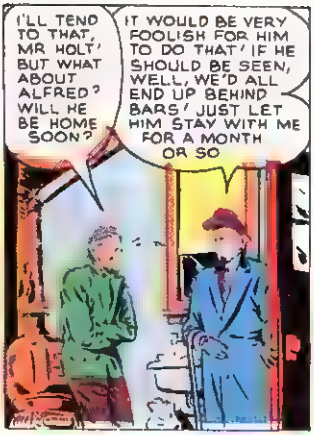
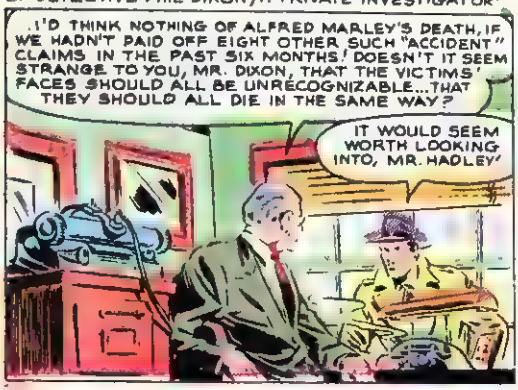
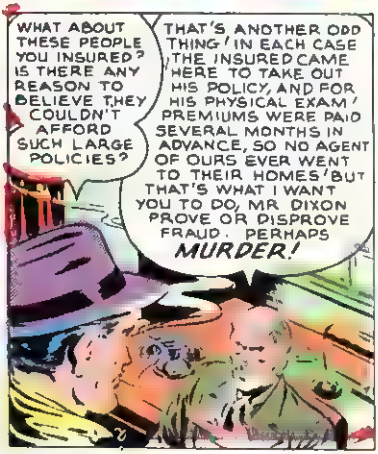
JASPER HOLT CARRIED THE BODY OF ALFRED MARLEY TO HIS CAR THAT NIGHT, AND DISPOSED OF IT IN A STREET NOT FAR FROM THE VICTIM'S HOME. THE FOLLOWING DAY, NORMAN MARLEY WAS CALLED TO THE CITY MORGUE TO IDENTIFY A BODY BEARING PAPERS BELONGING TO HIS BROTHER.


IT WAS HORRIBLE, MR. HOLT! THE FACE UNRECOGNIZABLE! AND YET, IF I HADN'T KNOWN ABOUT OUR PLAN, I'D HAVE SWORN IT WAS ALFRED!
HA! HA! DON'T WORRY! HE'S AS SAFE AS HE'LL EVER BE! PUT IN A CLAIM FOR HIS INSURANCE! YOU HAVE A BONA FIDE DEATH CERTIFICATE! AND DON'T FORGET MY SHARE!

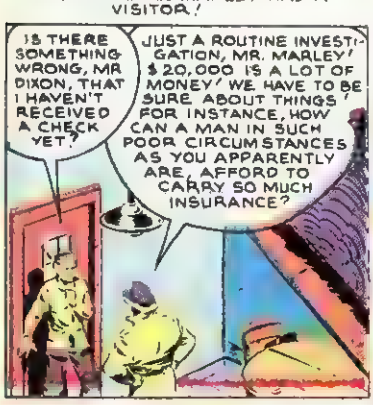

I'LL TEND TO THAT, MR. HOLT! BUT WHAT ABOUT ALFRED? WILL HE BE HOME SOON?
IT WOULD BE VERY FOOLISH FOR HIM TO DO THAT! IF HE SHOULD BE SEEN, WELL, WE'D ALL END UP BEHIND BARS! JUST LET HIM STAY WITH ME FOR A MONTH OR SO

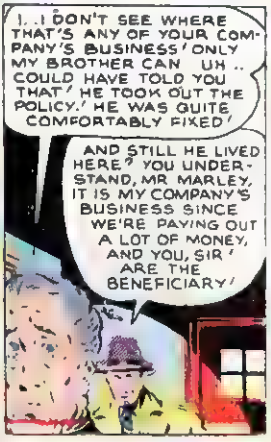
COLLECTING THE INSURANCE WASN'T GOING TO BE EASY! SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, NORTHERN LIFE'S WILLIAM HADLEY DECIDED TO EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF DETECTIVE PHIL DIXON,.. PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR!

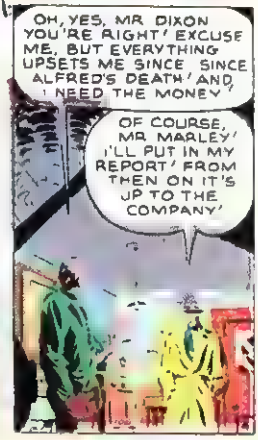

..I'D THINK NOTHING OF ALFRED MARLEY'S DEATH, IF WE HADN'T PAID OFF EIGHT OTHER SUCH "ACCIDENT" CLAIMS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS! DOESN'T IT SEEM STRANGE TO YOU, MR. DIXON, THAT THE VICTIMS' FACES SHOULD ALL BE UNRECOGNIZABLE...THAT THEY SHOULD ALL DIE IN THE SAME WAY?
IT WOULD SEEM WORTH LOOKING INTO, MR. HADLEY!

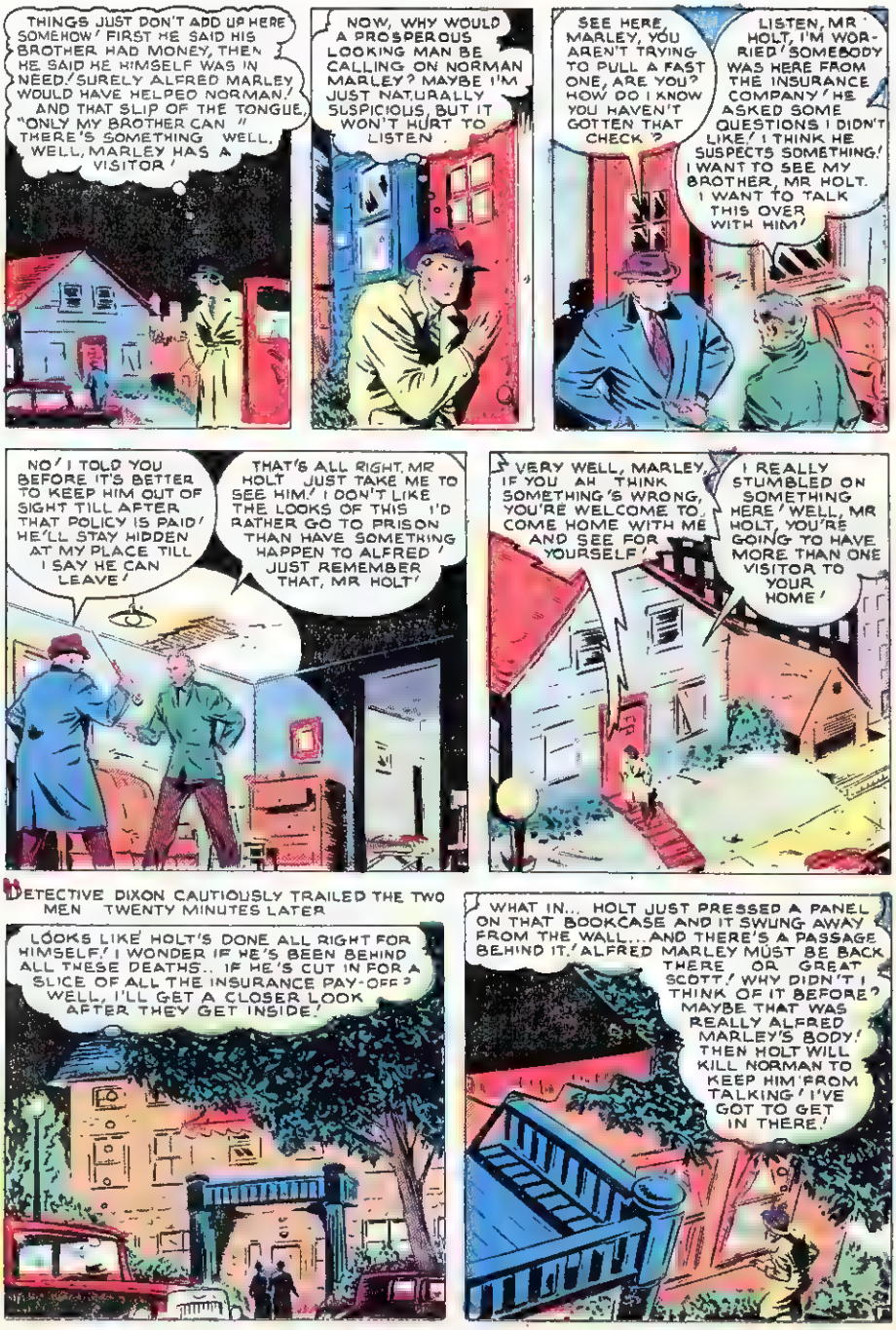

WHAT ABOUT THESE PEOPLE YOU INSURED? IS THERE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THEY COULDN'T AFFORD SUCH LARGE POLICIES?
THAT'S ANOTHER ODD THING! IN EACH CASE THE INSURED CAME HERE TO TAKE OUT HIS POLICY, AND FOR HIS PHYSICAL EXAM! PREMIUMS WERE PAID SEVERAL MONTHS IN ADVANCE, SO NO AGENT OF OURS EVER WENT TO THEIR HOMES! BUT THAT'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, MR. DIXON PROVE OR DISPROVE FRAUD. PERHAPS MURDER!

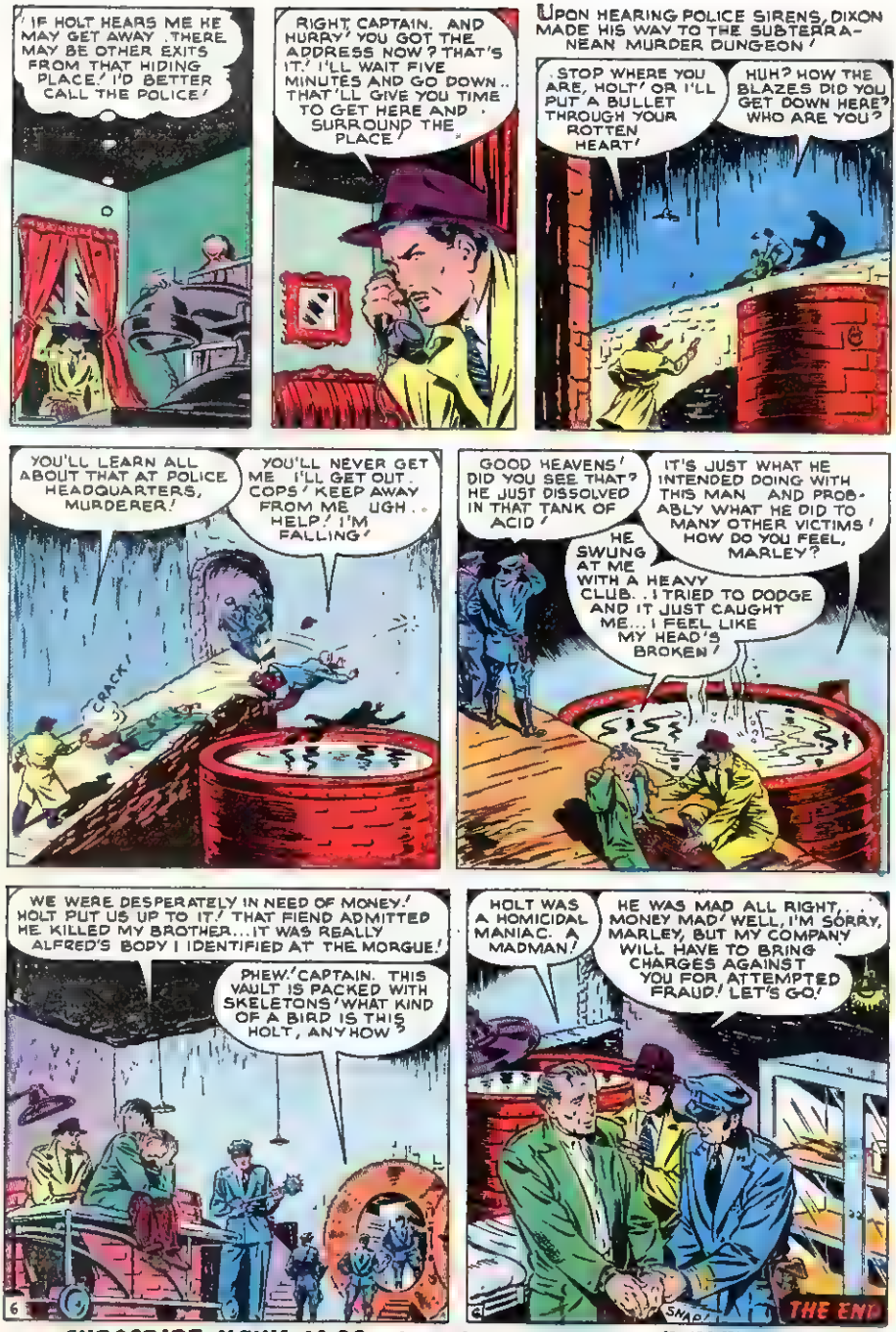
SO... JUST THREE WEEKS AFTER THE MURDER NORMAN MARLEY HAD A VISITOR!


IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG, MR. DIXON, THAT I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A CHECK YET?
JUST A ROUTINE INVESTIGATION, MR. MARLEY! $20,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY! WE HAVE TO BE SURE ABOUT THINGS! FOR INSTANCE, HOW CAN A MAN IN SUCH POOR CIRCUMSTANCES AS YOU APPARENTLY ARE, AFFORD TO CARRY SO MUCH INSURANCE?


I...I DON'T SEE WHERE THAT'S ANY OF YOUR COMPANY'S BUSINESS! ONLY MY BROTHER CAN UH.. COULD HAVE TOLD YOU THAT! HE TOOK OUT THE POLICY! HE WAS QUITE COMFORTABLY FIXED!
AND STILL HE LIVED HERE? YOU UNDERSTAND, MR. MARLEY, IT IS MY COMPANY'S BUSINESS SINCE WE'RE PAYING OUT A LOT OF MONEY, AND YOU, SIR! ARE THE BENEFICIARY!


OH, YES, MR. DIXON YOU'RE RIGHT! EXCUSE ME, BUT EVERYTHING UPSETS ME SINCE ALFRED'S DEATH! AND I NEED THE MONEY!
OF COURSE, MR. MARLEY! I'LL PUT IN MY REPORT! FROM THEN ON IT'S UP TO THE COMPANY!


THINGS JUST DON'T ADD UP HERE SOMEHOW! FIRST HE SAID HIS BROTHER HAD MONEY, THEN HE SAID HE HIMSELF WAS IN NEED! SURELY ALFRED MARLEY WOULD HAVE HELPED NORMAN! AND THAT SLIP OF THE TONGUE, "ONLY MY BROTHER CAN " THERE'S SOMETHING WELL, WELL, MARLEY HAS A VISITOR!
NOW, WHY WOULD A PROSPEROUS LOOKING MAN BE CALLING ON NORMAN MARLEY? MAYBE I'M JUST NATURALLY SUSPICIOUS, BUT IT WON'T HURT TO LISTEN.
SEE HERE, MARLEY, YOU AREN'T TRYING TO PULL A FAST ONE, ARE YOU? HOW DO I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT CHECK?
LISTEN, MR HOLT, I'M WORRIED! SOMEBODY WAS HERE FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY! HE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS I DIDN'T LIKE! I THINK HE SUSPECTS SOMETHING! I WANT TO SEE MY BROTHER, MR HOLT. I WANT TO TALK THIS OVER WITH HIM!
NO! I TOLD YOU BEFORE IT'S BETTER TO KEEP HIM OUT OF SIGHT TILL AFTER THAT POLICY IS PAID! HE'LL STAY HIDDEN AT MY PLACE TILL I SAY HE CAN LEAVE!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MR HOLT JUST TAKE ME TO SEE HIM! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS I'D RATHER GO TO PRISON THAN HAVE SOMETHING HAPPEN TO ALFRED! JUST REMEMBER THAT, MR HOLT!
VERY WELL, MARLEY, IF YOU AH THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG, YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME HOME WITH ME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!
I REALLY STUMBLED ON SOMETHING HERE! WELL, MR HOLT, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE VISITOR TO YOUR HOME!
DETECTIVE DIXON CAUTIOUSLY TRAILED THE TWO MEN TWENTY MINUTES LATER
LOOKS LIKE HOLT'S DONE ALL RIGHT FOR HIMSELF! I WONDER IF HE'S BEEN BEHIND ALL THESE DEATHS.. IF HE'S CUT IN FOR A SLICE OF ALL THE INSURANCE PAY-OFF? WELL, I'LL GET A CLOSER LOOK AFTER THEY GET INSIDE!
WHAT IN... HOLT JUST PRESSED A PANEL ON THAT BOOKCASE AND IT SWUNG AWAY FROM THE WALL... AND THERE'S A PASSAGE BEHIND IT! ALFRED MARLEY MUST BE BACK THERE OR GREAT SCOTT! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE? MAYBE THAT WAS REALLY ALFRED MARLEY'S BODY! THEN HOLT WILL KILL NORMAN TO KEEP HIM FROM TALKING! I'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE!


IF HOLT HEARS ME HE MAY GET AWAY. THERE MAY BE OTHER EXITS FROM THAT HIDING PLACE! I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE!
RIGHT, CAPTAIN. AND HURRY! YOU GOT THE ADDRESS NOW? THAT'S IT! I'LL WAIT FIVE MINUTES AND GO DOWN.. THAT'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO GET HERE AND SURROUND THE PLACE!
UPON HEARING POLICE SIRENS, DIXON MADE HIS WAY TO THE SUBTERRANEAN MURDER DUNGEON!
STOP WHERE YOU ARE, HOLT! OR I'LL PUT A BULLET THROUGH YOUR ROTTEN HEART!
HUH? HOW THE BLAZES DID YOU GET DOWN HERE? WHO ARE YOU?
YOU'LL LEARN ALL ABOUT THAT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MURDERER!
YOU'LL NEVER GET ME I'LL GET OUT COPS! KEEP AWAY FROM ME UGH.. HELP! I'M FALLING!
CRACK!
GOOD HEAVENS! DID YOU SEE THAT? HE JUST DISSOLVED IN THAT TANK OF ACID!
IT'S JUST WHAT HE INTENDED DOING WITH THIS MAN AND PROBABLY WHAT HE DID TO MANY OTHER VICTIMS! HOW DO YOU FEEL, MARLEY?
HE SWUNG AT ME WITH A HEAVY CLUB.. I TRIED TO DODGE AND IT JUST CAUGHT ME... I FEEL LIKE MY HEAD'S BROKEN!
WE WERE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF MONEY! HOLT PUT US UP TO IT! THAT FIEND ADMITTED HE KILLED MY BROTHER... IT WAS REALLY ALFRED'S BODY I IDENTIFIED AT THE MORGUE!
PHEW! CAPTAIN. THIS VAULT IS PACKED WITH SKELETONS! WHAT KIND OF A BIRD IS THIS HOLT, ANYHOW?
HOLT WAS A HOMICIDAL MANIAC. A MADMAN!
HE WAS MAD ALL RIGHT, MONEY MAD! WELL, I'M SORRY, MARLEY, BUT MY COMPANY WILL HAVE TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST YOU FOR ATTEMPTED FRAUD! LET'S GO!
SNAP!
THE END
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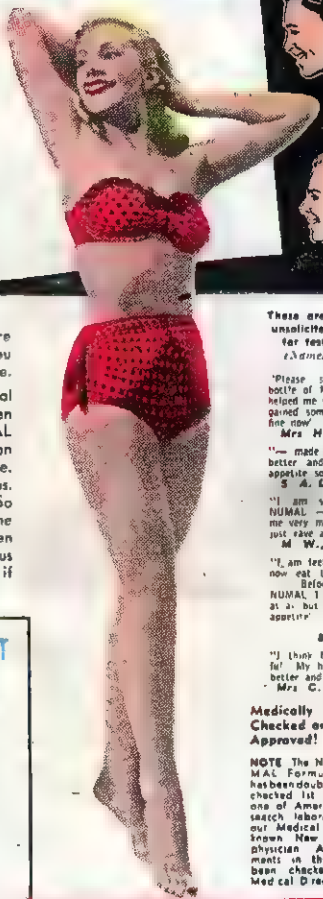

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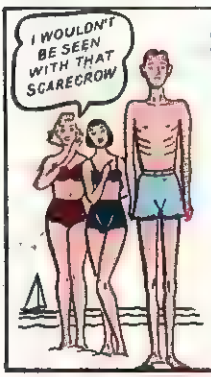

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AN ACTUAL POLICE RECORD OF A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NEW YORK STOOL PIGEON!
CRACK!
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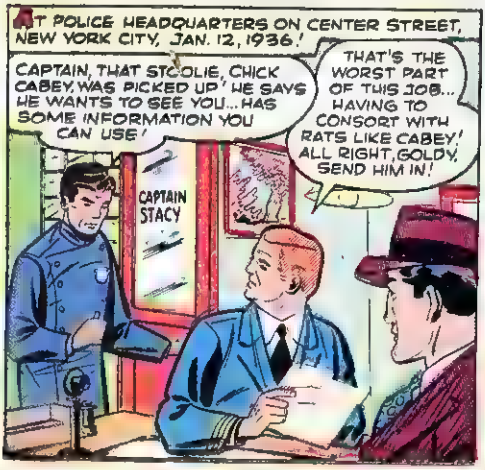
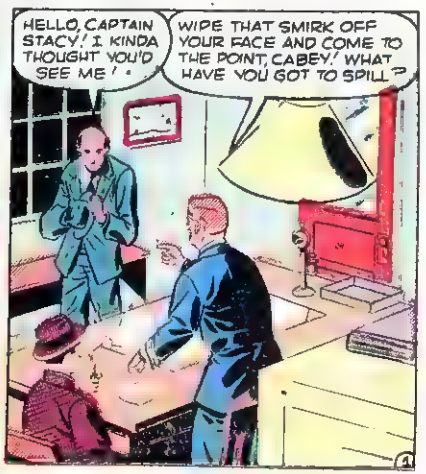
EVERY JOB HAS ITS NECESSARY EVILS AND THIS HOLDS TRUE EVEN FOR THE BLUE-CLAD GUARDIANS OF OUR SOCIETY! THE POLICEMAN'S NECESSARY EVIL IS THE INFORMER, ALSO CALLED A STOOL PIGEON OR "STOOLIE"! MANY A TOUGH CASE HAS BEEN BROKEN BY INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THE POLICE BY THESE UNDERWORLD RATS, WHO ARE NO BETTER THAN THE HOODLUMS THEY BETRAY, BUT ATTEMPT TO BUY POLICE IMMUNITY WITH THEIR SQUEALING! SUCH A MAN WAS CHICK CABEY!


AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS ON CENTER STREET, NEW YORK CITY, JAN. 12, 1936!
CAPTAIN, THAT STOOLIE, CHICK CABEY, WAS PICKED UP! HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SEE YOU... HAS SOME INFORMATION YOU CAN USE!
THAT'S THE WORST PART OF THIS JOB... HAVING TO CONSORT WITH RATS LIKE CABEY! ALL RIGHT, GOLDY, SEND HIM IN!
CAPTAIN STACY


HELLO, CAPTAIN STACY! I KINDA THOUGHT YOU'D SEE ME!
WIPE THAT SMIRK OFF YOUR FACE AND COME TO THE POINT, CABEY! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SPILL?

REMEMBER THAT JOB LAST MONTH THE BANK HOLDUP? WELL IT WAS PULLED BY THE DUTCH BREIGHT MOB! SOME OF THE BOYS STILL HAVE BILLS ON THEM!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, HOLLAND?
IT SOUNDS RIGHT! LET'S PULL SOME OF THEM IN AND SEE WHAT WE GET!
YOU WON'T SAY WHO TOLD YUH, WILL YUH, CAPTAIN? THEY'D KILL ME IF THEY FOUND OUT!
NO, I WON'T SPILL! SEE WHAT YOU CAN GET ON THE CARLONI GANG. THEY'RE THE BIRDS I WANT! NOW BEAT IT, BEFORE SOME OF YOUR PALS SEE HOW CHUMMY YOU ARE WITH THE POLICE!
CHICK CABEY, THE STOOLIE, SNEAKED OUT OF HEADQUARTERS AND WALKED AWAY, HIS CUNNING, WEASEL-LIKE MIND SEEKING ADVANTAGE IN HIS POSITION!
I'LL HEAD FOR THE PARK.. IT'LL BE DARK BY THE TIME I GET THERE, AND THE COPS'LL NEVER SUSPECT ME OF PULLIN A JOB AFTER JUST WALKIN OUT OF A STATION!
POLICE
IN THE PARK CABEY WAITED UNTIL A LATE-WORKING OFFICE WORKER WALKED BY!
CRACK!
UGH!
EIGHT BUCKS THE CHEAP PUNK! IT WASN'T EVEN WORTH THE BODDER! WELL, IT'LL BUY ME A DRINK ANYWAY. AN' MAYBE I CAN PICK UP SOME MORE INFO TO SELL THE LOUSY COPS!
CABEY WENT DOWNTOWN TO A DIVE WHERE THE DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD MET!
THIS WAREHOUSE WILL BE A CINCH I TELL YUH! THE WATCHMAN!
TALK LOWER, MANNY I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE COPS HAVE PICKED UP SO MANY GUYS THIS PAST YEAR!
YOU CHICK BEAT IT! YOU AIN'T IN ON THIS CAPER!
SURE. BEAT IT, CHICK, YOU AIN'T WANTED! THE COPS'LL GET THEM LIKE THEY GOT THE OTHERS THEY'RE CRYIN' ABOUT! AND IT'LL BE ME WHO TIPS THE COPS OFF SAMES I DID WITH THE OTHERS!

HEY, CHICK... OVER HERE!
CARLONI, THE GUY CAPTAIN STACY WANTS SOMETHIN' ON! MAYBE I CAN DO MYSELF SOME GOOD!
ALDO CARLONI WAS A VICIOUS HOODLUM, FORMERLY FROM DETROIT, WHO WOULD TURN TO ANYTHING CRIMINAL! IN 1936, AT THE TIME THIS TAKES PLACE, HE HAD JUST BEATEN A RAP FOR MANSLAUGHTER!
YOU KNOW MY BROTHER, DOM! THIS OTHER GUY IS VINCE CORSI, JUST BLEW IN FROM CHI'
HI, VINCE'
HI'
CHICK, I HEARD YOU WERE GOOD AT FIXIN' BURGLAR ALARMS! I GOT A CAPER LAID OUT FOR A JEWELRY STORE! I'LL COUNT YUH IN TO TAKE CARE OF THE ALARMS IF YUH WANT' HOW ABOUT IT?
VEAL AN PEPPE 35
OK' I'M YOUR BOY'
AS CHICK LISTENED TO THE PLANS CARLONI HAD MADE, HE MENTALLY GLOATED OVER THE SITUATION!
THE COPS'LL NEVER TAG ME FOR A JOB WITH THE CARLONI GANG' AFTER I GET MY SHARE OF THE LOOT, I'LL TIP THE COPS WHEN THE GANG'S IN A SPOT WHERE THEY'LL HAVE TO SHOOT' THAT WAY THE COPS'LL PLUG 'EM, AN' THEY CAN'T TELL OF MY PART IN THIS CAPER! WHAT A SPOT TO BE IN'
DOM CASED THE JOINT SO HE'LL TELL YOU WHERE THE ALARMS ARE CHICK' I'LL PICK UP A CAR AND MEET YOU GUYS AT 12' RIGHT?
RIGHT' SEE YOU LATER'
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, CARLONI DROVE UP IN A STOLEN CAR!
LET'S GO! THIS HEAP IS HOT AN' I WANNA DROP IT AS SOON AS WE FINISH THE JOB AN' MAKE A GETAWAY' WE'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES!
THERE IT IS! WE GOTTA WORK FAST ON THIS ONE, 'CAUSE THERE'S A FLAT FOOT ON THIS BEAT DUE IN HALF AN HOUR' VINCE, YOU KNOW YOUR JOB?
SURE' I STAY HERE AN' KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNIN' READY FOR THE GETAWAY' AN' SIGNAL WIT' THE HORN SHOULD SOMETHIN' LOOK SUSPICIOUS'
JEWELS

CABEY IS BOOSTED TO THE TOP OF THE DOOR WHERE HE SKILLFULLY OPENS THE TRANSOM AND..
THAT'S IT.. THAT'S THE LAST WIRE!
OKAY LET'S GET IN'
INSIDE THE STORE THE CROOKS BEGIN TO GATHER THE LOOT'
DOM KNOWS A FENCE WHO WILL TAKE THIS STUFF OFF OUR HANDS'
WHAT A HAUL'
SHHH.. LISTEN. WHAT'S THAT?
COPS' WHY DIDN'T VINCE WARN US?
SOMEBODY STOOLED'
DON'T REACH FOR YOUR GUN, CARLONI, WE GOT YOU THIS TIME!
THE BOYS'VE BEEN THINKIN' YOU MAY BE A STOOLIE, CABEY, AN' I KNOW THEY'RE RIGHT' YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSIN' RAT'
NO, ALDO. I DIDN'T NOT THIS TIME. I SWEAR.. UGH'
CARLONI AND HIS BROTHER DIED THAT NIGHT PAYING IN FULL FOR ALL THE CRIMES THAT LUCK AND CUNNING HAD KEPT THEM FROM PAYING PREVIOUSLY.'
ARRGGHH!
DID YOU GET 'EM ALL, CAPTAIN? WAS IT LIKE I SAID?
YEAH. JUST LIKE YOU SAID, CORSI'
YOU.. VINCE' A DIRTY STOOLIE' YOU RAT YOU LOW-DOWN NO GOOD SQUEALER'
YEAH CHICK, THERE'S NOTHING LOWER THAN A STOOLIE, IS THERE? A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE OF MANKIND. THE SCUM OF THE EARTH... THAT'S WHAT A STOOLIE IS' BUT WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, CHICK... CORSI, OR YOURSELF?
HE CAN'T HEAR YOU ANY MORE, STACY. HE'S DEAD'
AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, JAN 13, 1936, CHICK CABEY, THE STOOLIE, MET HIS DEATH WITH THE CARLONI GANG' A WEEK LATER THE BODY OF VINCE CORSI WAS FOUND RIDDLED WITH GANGLAND BULLETS' NO ONE MOURNED THE PASSING OF THESE HOODLUMS, FOR THEY WERE "STOOLIES"! A NECESSARY EVIL, BUT LIKE EVIL, UNMOURNED WHEN THEY GO!
THE END
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IN the secret files of the Los Angeles police lies buried the case history of the Pellini gang — George and Mike Pellini and their cousin, Doc Sancho. The Pellinis stumped the L.A. cops and all the crime experts in the West for six months with their fantastic crimes of *murder* by telephone. The exact, scientific details will never be released to the public, because the last thing the police want is for Doc Sancho's diabolical little invention to become public property. I learned enough about the case to tell you what happened whenever George dialed one of his *hot* phone numbers, even though I don't know exactly *why* it happened.

Let's go back to one afternoon in March, 1941. The Pellinis had a specialty of knocking off citizens who carried too much insurance, and who had greedy relatives. This way they picked up a nice piece of change for their services. The insurance companies had been paying out, since they hadn't yet suspected that the deaths were accidental. The boys knew they were overdoing a good thing, and Doc, the chemist, was working on a new system that he hoped would be foolproof. On an afternoon in March, they were hanging around George's apartment on Santa Monica, and Doc was working at his lab table. Doc spent every day at that table, but the thing that made this day important was his announcement to George and Mike, who were in the living room.

"Hey, George, Mike, I *got* it!" he shouted. "It *works!* C'mon in here."

George and Mike ran into the kitchen, where Doc had his lab.

"Sure, he's got it," Mike said skeptically. "It works fine! But what good is it, Doc? Why don't you work on something practical, like a new silencer, 'stead of these dream gadgets."

"Shut up, Mike," George ordered. "You're too stupid to understand what Doc is doing."

"Go ahead, Doc," he continued. "Let's have it!"

Doc skillfully attached a small, silver-colored tube to a telephone bell box he had on his table, and then, his hand holding a buzzer a few feet removed, he turned to the boys to explain in his scholarly manner.

"When I push this button, it will ring the bell in the telephone box. Just like it should. But . . . a few seconds after the bell rings, and I can time it, the small silver tube will disappear, and well . . . you watch it."

Doc pressed the button, and sure enough, the bell rang. The other men watched eagerly with their eyes intent on the little cylindrical piece of metal. Suddenly, this object burst into flame, burned a moment, and quickly died out, leaving nothing but a tiny particle of fine, grey ash. Doc turned to the others triumphantly and waited for their comment.

"Okay, so we got a new *toy* for the Fourth of July," Mike said. "How do we make a buck out of this thing?"

Even George was stumped and for the first time he sided with Mike. "What's the answer, Doc? How do we use this gadget?" he asked.

Doc pushed a strand of hair out of his eyes, grinned, and said, "Boys, this little 'gadget' is going to make us all rich and respectable and . . . safe. It's simple. The tube I just burned up was empty. But when we want to knock off a sucker, we fill it with a poison gas I know, which will kill instantly. Get it? We set a time with, say a dissatisfied wife who wants to latch on to some insurance dough. We install the gadget for her in the afternoon. There's a little switch which turns the connection on and off. Some time during the evening, she tells her husband she has to go out to buy something she forgot during the day. When she goes out, she flips the switch *on*. Then, at the time we agree on, we phone her house. She's out, so her husband answers the phone. After the bell rings, the gadget sits a few seconds. When he gets on the phone, the

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silver tube lights up, burns, the gas is released, and our boy is dead, leaving a rich and sorrowful widow.

"Best part of it is that the capsule, switch, wire and all, disappear, the gas drifts away, and it looks so natural. They don't even do an autopsy. Looks like the guy had a sudden heart attack!

"Good enough, fellas?"

"Good *enough?*" repeated George. "It's tremendous! Doc, you're a genius! This is the *perfect* crime!"

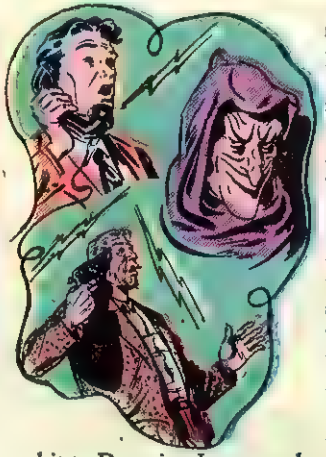
The Pellinis went into high gear with their racket. Suddenly there were a lot of sudden 'heart attack' deaths in Los Angeles, all of them were men with lots of insurance. Each time, the man was alone, and the police noticed that each time the victim was either approaching the telephone or already talking into it.

Inspector Harrison of the Homicide Bureau got interested, and he called in George Norris, head engineer of the local office of the telephone company. They examined the phones and bell boxes in the last few houses where these mysterious deaths had occurred, and discovered signs of tampering. Both times there was a wire connection that had been loosened, and to which something else had been added—it seemed like another wire. What puzzled them was that there was no other wire when they investigated, but there *was* a charred spot on the side of the bell box. Harrison and Norris surmised that something had been there, and it had somehow burned off. Harrison briefed his Homicide Squad about his suspicions and told the hospitals to let them know about the next sudden 'heart attack' death.

A few nights later, a woman calling for an ambulance, frantically shouted that her husband had collapsed.

Harrison and his men went to the address given to ask where the attack had taken place. Sure enough, right at the telephone.

Alongside the phone box, Harrison spied some fine, grey ash, scooped it up, handed it to Detective James, and ordered an immediate analysis. He then called the coroner for an autopsy.



The autopsy showed death by gas. The analysis of the ash produced the fact that it was magnesium paper. Magnesium burns very easily, and when it is used to coat paper, it will flash and die, before it even has a chance to ignite anything nearby.

Harrison realized that the tampering with the bell box had consisted of adding something made of magnesium paper, which is an excellent conductor of electricity besides being inflammable, and that the *something* had released the gas. An investigation of all chemical supply houses, where magnesium could be procured, led him to the Pellinis. He had them tailed and the police discovered the house where they made their next installation. That night, when the man's wife went out, Harrison and Norris went in, put on gas masks, and grabbed the phone when it rang. Sure enough, the material on the bell box flashed into flame, and a white vapor, the poison gas, rose straight to the man answering the phone.

Meantime, the Pellinis and Doc Sancho, so sure that they were perfectly safe, made their telephone call from George's apartment, without even locking the door, and they were picked up there after the call. Detective James took them down to headquarters for immediate questioning.

Together with the wives of five 'telephone murder' victims, the Pellinis and Sancho were convicted of murder, and they were all given long term jail sentences. Finally the Los Angeles police had cracked their toughest case, a case so dangerous that they never announced to the public how Doc had made his clever connections, so that the ringing of the bell ignited the magnesium to release the gas.

Inspector Harrison and George Norris added a dramatic chapter to the proof that there is *no perfect crime!*

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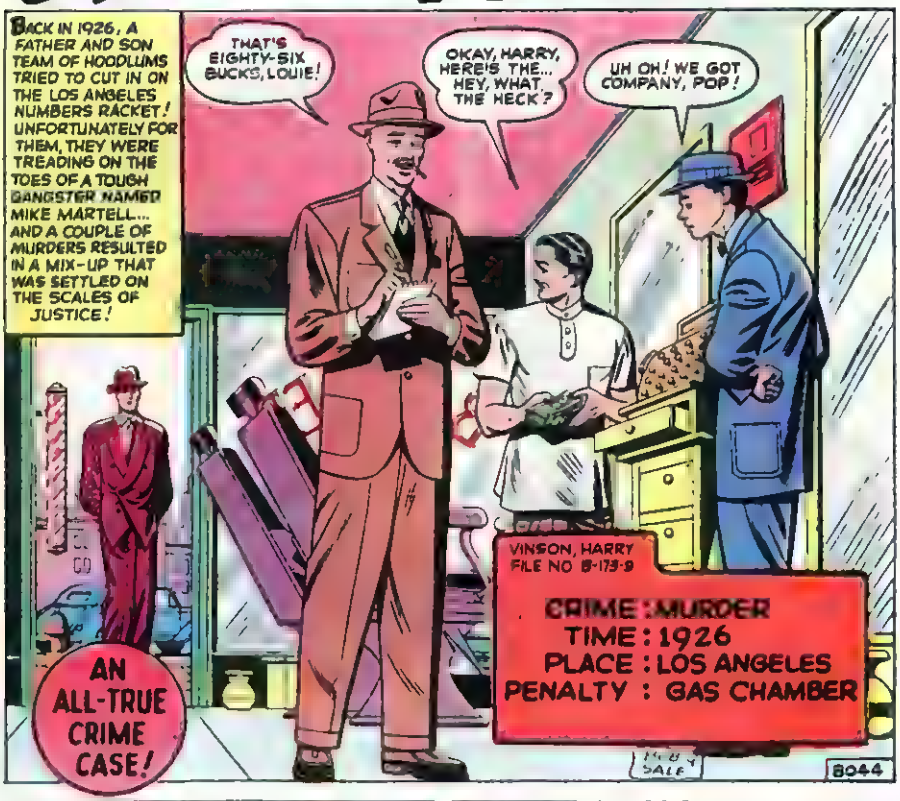
THE VENGEANCE OF VINSON!


BACK IN 1926, A FATHER AND SON TEAM OF HOODLUMS TRIED TO CUT IN ON THE LOS ANGELES NUMBERS RACKET! UNFORTUNATELY FOR THEM, THEY WERE TREADING ON THE TOES OF A TOUGH GANGSTER NAMED MIKE MARTELL... AND A COUPLE OF MURDERS RESULTED IN A MIX-UP THAT WAS SETTLED ON THE SCALES OF JUSTICE!
THAT'S EIGHTY-SIX BUCKS, LOUIE!
OKAY, HARRY, HERE'S THE... HEY, WHAT THE HECK?
UH OH! WE GOT COMPANY, POP!
VINSON, HARRY
FILE NO 8-173-9
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PENALTY: GAS CHAMBER
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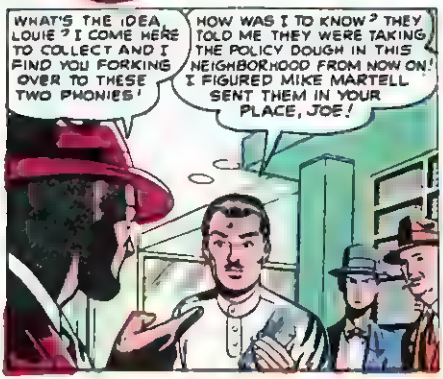
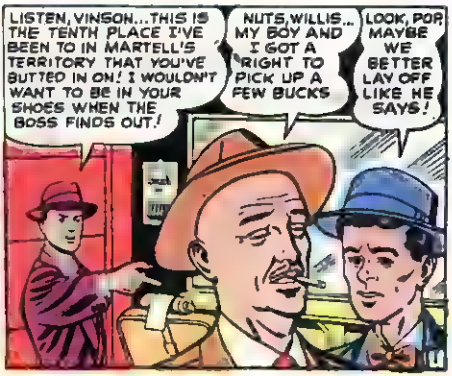

WHAT'S THE IDEA, LOUIE? I COME HERE TO COLLECT AND I FIND YOU FORKING OVER TO THESE TWO PHONIES!
HOW WAS I TO KNOW? THEY TOLD ME THEY WERE TAKING THE POLICY DOUGH IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FROM NOW ON! I FIGURED MIKE MARTELL SENT THEM IN YOUR PLACE, JOE!


LISTEN, VINSON... THIS IS THE TENTH PLACE I'VE BEEN TO IN MARTELL'S TERRITORY THAT YOU'VE BUTTED IN ON! I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN YOUR SHOES WHEN THE BOSS FINDS OUT!
NUTS, WILLIS... MY BOY AND I GOT A RIGHT TO PICK UP A FEW BUCKS
LOOK, POP, MAYBE WE BETTER LAY OFF LIKE HE SAYS!

YOU'LL LAY OFF IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU! GIVE ME THAT DOUGH, LOUIE... AND A LIST OF THE NUMBERS...
WHY, YOU CRUMMY PUNK ...NOT YOU OR MIKE MARTELL OR ANYBODY ELSE IS GOING TO SHOVE ME AROUND!
TELL THAT GREEDY SLOB MARTELL THAT HARRY AND NICK VINSON ARE GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON DOING BUSINESS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
HEY!
NOW BEAT IT, BUM!
POP, CUT IT OUT! YOU'RE CRAZY, ROUGHING UP ONE OF MARTELL'S BOYS!
OHHH!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO, YOU LITTLE YELLOW WEASEL!
NO... POP... UGHHHH!
HELLO, MIKE? JOE, YEAH! YOU KNOW THAT GUY HARRY VINSON, THE ONE I CALLED YOU ABOUT BEFORE? WELL, I CAUGHT HIM RED-HANDED, TAKING NUMBERS DOUGH FROM LOUIE MORSOLDI! THAT'S RIGHT...THE BARBER!
SHOVED YOU OUT, DID HE? IT LOOKS LIKE VINSON'S GOT TO LEARN THE HARD WAY. ONLY WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH HIM, THE LESSON WON'T DO HIM ANY GOOD! JOE, YOU SAY HIS BOY NICK IS WITH HIM? UH HUH, GOOD!
GET THIS, JOE! I'VE CHECKED ON VINSON... HE LIVES IN A COTTAGE OUT ON PALM BOULEVARD. 282 IS THE ADDRESS! WHILE THEY'RE STILL OUT I WANT YOU TO GO OVER AND SEARCH HIS PLACE FOR A GUN; IF YOU FIND ONE BRING IT TO ME! YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO FIX HIS WAGON ONCE AND FOR ALL!
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A SHORT WHILE LATER, JOE WILLIS ARRIVED AT 282 PALM BOULEVARD, AND STARTED TO CARRY OUT HIS BOSS'S ORDER ..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIKE IS UP TO, BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME HARRY VINSON IS GOIN' TO STOP BREATHING ALL OF A SUDDEN !
A .38 AUTOMATIC... THIS OUGHT TO DO IT! I GUESS MIKE'LL PULL SOME SORT OF FRAME... HE'S AN EXPERT AT IT...
THAT NIGHT...
CHEEZ, I'M SORRY I TOOK A POKE AT YOU TODAY, NICK... THAT PUNK JOE WILLIS JUST GOT ME SORE! I DON'T LIKE A STUFFED HOG LIKE MIKE MARTELL ACTING LIKE HE'S GOT A CONTRACT TO HANDLE THE POLICY RACKET!
IT'S OKAY, POP! WE GOT AS MUCH RIGHT TO RUN A NUMBERS GAME AS HE HAS! WHAT WORRIES ME IS, HE'S GOT A LOT OF TOUGH BOYS IN HIS ORGANIZATION!
LOOK, NICK, I KNOW MIKE FROM WAY BACK, AND I KNOW HE'S JUST A BIG BLUFF! CALL HIS BLUFF AND HE'LL CRAWL BACK INTO THE WOODWORK!
I GUESS YOU KNOW, POP! WELL I'M WITH YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!
THE LIGHTS IN VINSON'S COTTAGE WERE OUT WHEN MIKE MARTELL AND JOE WILLIS DROVE UP, NICK AND HIS FATHER WERE ASLEEP...
...YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO THIS, BOSS?
NO, JOE, I WON'T RISK A SLIP-UP, JUST KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNING, WHEN I COME BACK HEAD STRAIGHT FOR GLENDALE! SOME FRIENDS OF MINE HAVE A CARD GAME GOING THERE... AND AN ALIBI !
OH, SORRY I WOKE YOU UP, JUNIOR, BUT I'LL PUT YOU RIGHT TO SLEEP AGAIN.. FOR GOOD!
M-MIKE MARTELL! NO... DON'T! POP, HELP!
CRACK!
NICK! NICK! NICK! WHAT'S WRONG?
AIEEE!!
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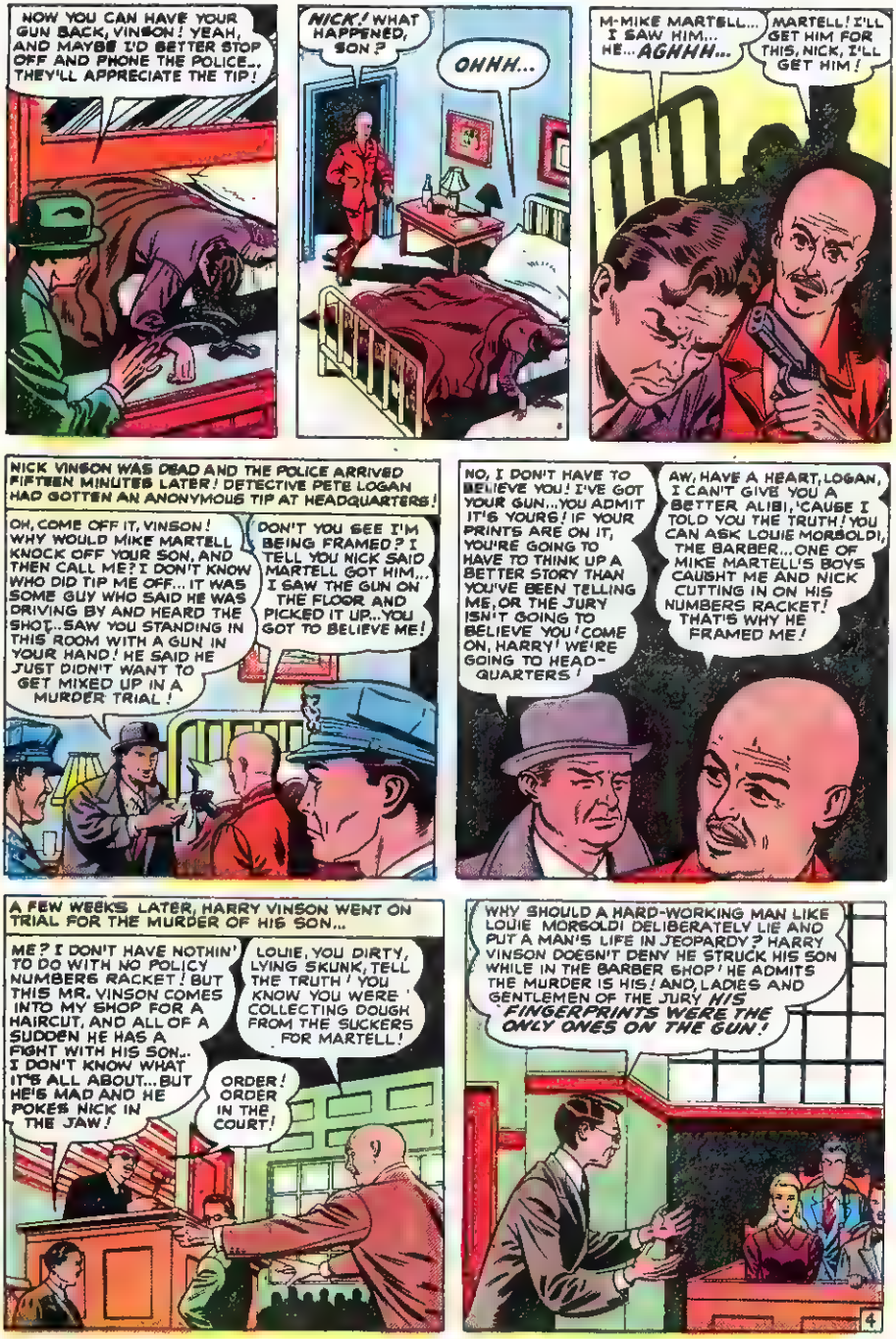
NOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR GUN BACK, VINSON! YEAH, AND MAYBE I'D BETTER STOP OFF AND PHONE THE POLICE.. THEY'LL APPRECIATE THE TIP!
NICK! WHAT HAPPENED, SON?
OHHH...
M-MIKE MARTELL... I SAW HIM... HE... AGHHH...
MARTELL! I'LL GET HIM FOR THIS, NICK, I'LL GET HIM!
NICK VINSON WAS DEAD AND THE POLICE ARRIVED FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER! DETECTIVE PETE LOGAN HAD GOTTEN AN ANONYMOUS TIP AT HEADQUARTERS!
OH, COME OFF IT, VINSON! WHY WOULD MIKE MARTELL KNOCK OFF YOUR SON, AND THEN CALL ME? I DON'T KNOW WHO DID TIP ME OFF... IT WAS SOME GUY WHO SAID HE WAS DRIVING BY AND HEARD THE SHOT.. SAW YOU STANDING IN THIS ROOM WITH A GUN IN YOUR HAND! HE SAID HE JUST DIDN'T WANT TO GET MIXED UP IN A MURDER TRIAL!
DON'T YOU SEE I'M BEING FRAMED? I TELL YOU NICK SAID MARTELL GOT HIM... I SAW THE GUN ON THE FLOOR AND PICKED IT UP... YOU GOT TO BELIEVE ME!
NO, I DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE YOU! I'VE GOT YOUR GUN... YOU ADMIT IT'S YOURS! IF YOUR PRINTS ARE ON IT, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO THINK UP A BETTER STORY THAN YOU'VE BEEN TELLING ME, OR THE JURY ISN'T GOING TO BELIEVE YOU! COME ON, HARRY! WE'RE GOING TO HEADQUARTERS!
AW, HAVE A HEART, LOGAN, I CAN'T GIVE YOU A BETTER ALIBI, 'CAUSE I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH! YOU CAN ASK LOUIE MORSOLDI, THE BARBER... ONE OF MIKE MARTELL'S BOYS CAUGHT ME AND NICK CUTTING IN ON HIS NUMBERS RACKET! THAT'S WHY HE FRAMED ME!
A FEW WEEKS LATER, HARRY VINSON WENT ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF HIS SON...
ME? I DON'T HAVE NOTHIN' TO DO WITH NO POLICY NUMBERS RACKET! BUT THIS MR. VINSON COMES INTO MY SHOP FOR A HAIRCUT, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HE HAS A FIGHT WITH HIS SON.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT... BUT HE'S MAD AND HE POKES NICK IN THE JAW!
LOUIE, YOU DIRTY, LYING SKUNK, TELL THE TRUTH! YOU KNOW YOU WERE COLLECTING DOUGH FROM THE SUCKERS FOR MARTELL!
ORDER! ORDER IN THE COURT!
WHY SHOULD A HARD-WORKING MAN LIKE LOUIE MORSOLDI DELIBERATELY LIE AND PUT A MAN'S LIFE IN JEOPARDY? HARRY VINSON DOESN'T DENY HE STRUCK HIS SON WHILE IN THE BARBER SHOP! HE ADMITS THE MURDER IS HIS! AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY HIS FINGERPRINTS WERE THE ONLY ONES ON THE GUN!
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SEVERAL HOURS LATER, THE JURY RETURNED WITH ITS VERDICT...
WE FIND THE DEFENDANT, HARRY VINSON, GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!
TWO WEEKS LATER, JUDGE ROBERT MILSEN SENTENCED HARRY VINSON...
AND I THEREFORE SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE GAS CHAMBER AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY!
NO! NO! YOU ARE MAKING A MISTAKE, JUDGE! I DIDN'T SHOOT NICK!
YOU'RE SENDING AN INNOCENT MAN TO HIS DEATH! I SWEAR I'M INNOCENT!
A JURY OF TWELVE PEOPLE SAY OTHERWISE, VINSON! COME ON, PAL! YOU'RE GOING FOR A NICE RIDE UP TO THE PEN!
NO! YOU'RE NOT SENDING ME TO NO GAS CHAMBER!
WATCH HIM, STEVE!
HEY! CUT IT OUT!
POL
OUT OF THE WAY! DON'T LET THAT MAN GET AWAY! HE'S A MURDERER!
HARRY VINSON GOT AWAY CLEAN! A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE CAPTAIN JOHN WARREN...
I KNOW YOU HATE TO SEE VINSON GET AWAY, BUT WE'LL CATCH UP WITH HIM! MEANWHILE, LOGAN, I'M INTERESTED IN BREAKING UP THE POLICY RACKET! OKAY, MIKE MARTELL HAD A GOOD ALIBI AT VINSON'S TRIAL... HE WAS UP IN GLENDALE, VISITING WITH FRIENDS! HE'S STILL THERE, I WANT HIM BROUGHT BACK TO L A., LOGAN!
YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO GO AFTER MARTELL.. WELL, I'D RATHER HUNT FOR HARRY VINSON, BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS! I'LL TAKE THE FIRST TRAIN UP TO GLENDALE...
SOMEBODY ELSE WANTED MIKE MARTELL... THAT WAS HARRY VINSON! HE HAD PLENTY OF REASON FOR WANTING TO KILL MIKE... EVEN AT THE RISK OF HIS OWN FREEDOM! HE HEARD AT THE TRIAL WHERE MIKE WAS STAYING, AND HE WENT THERE TO GLENDALE...
NOW, MARTELL... I'M GOING TO GET YOU... FOR NICK! FOR THE DIRTY FRAME-UP YOU PULLED ON ME! I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU NICE AND QUIET AND I'LL GET AWAY!
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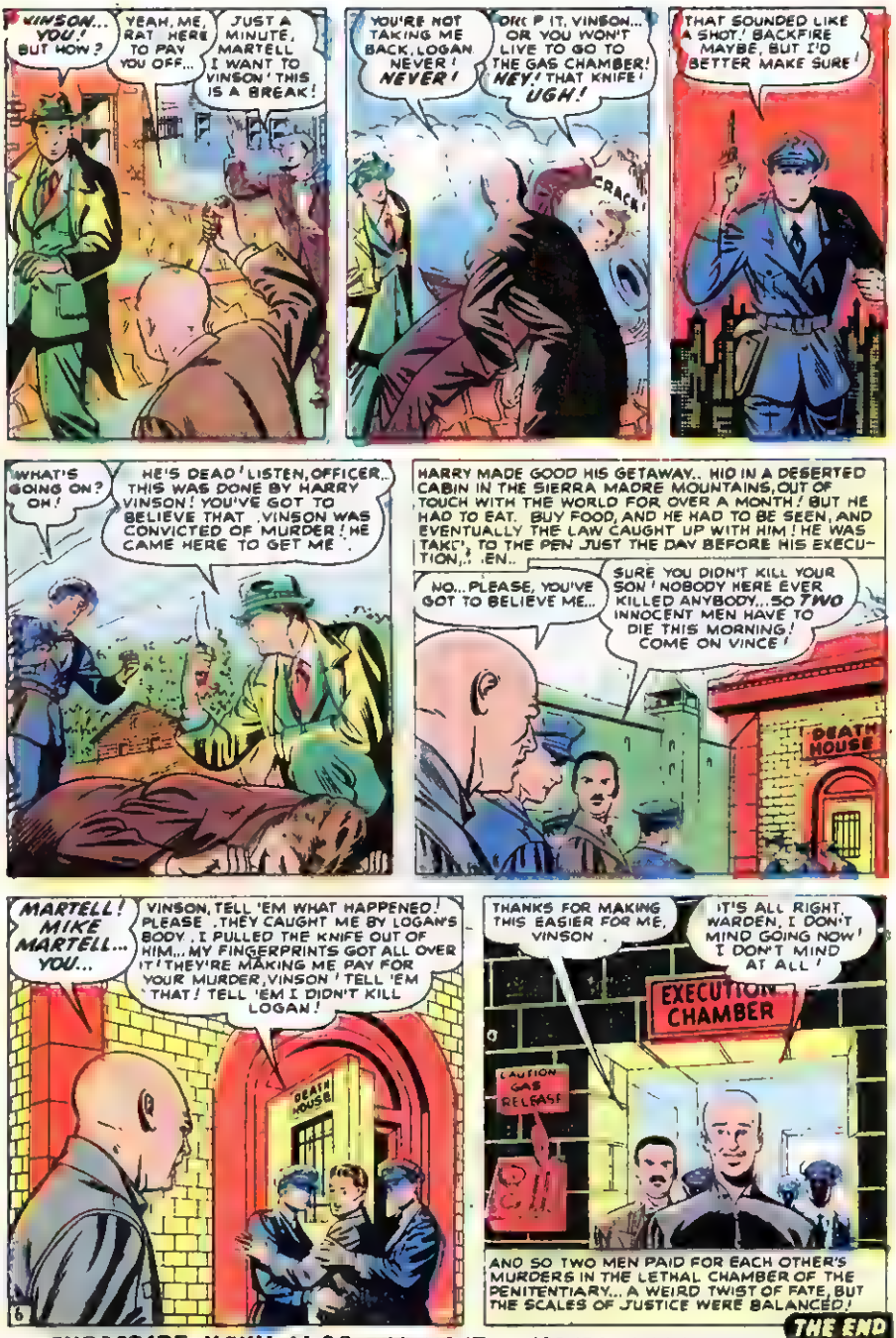
VINSON... YOU! BUT HOW?
YEAH, ME, RAT HERE TO PAY YOU OFF...
JUST A MINUTE, MARTELL I WANT TO VINSON THIS IS A BREAK!
YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME BACK, LOGAN NEVER! NEVER!
OR P IT, VINSON... OR YOU WON'T LIVE TO GO TO THE GAS CHAMBER! HEY! THAT KNIFE! UGH!
CRACK!
THAT SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT! BACKFIRE MAYBE, BUT I'D BETTER MAKE SURE!
WHAT'S GOING ON? OH!
HE'S DEAD! LISTEN, OFFICER... THIS WAS DONE BY HARRY VINSON! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE THAT VINSON WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER! HE CAME HERE TO GET ME!
HARRY MADE GOOD HIS GETAWAY.. HID IN A DESERTED CABIN IN THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAINS, OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE WORLD FOR OVER A MONTH! BUT HE HAD TO EAT. BUY FOOD, AND HE HAD TO BE SEEN, AND EVENTUALLY THE LAW CAUGHT UP WITH HIM! HE WAS TAKEN TO THE PEN JUST THE DAY BEFORE HIS EXECUTION,.. EN..
NO... PLEASE, YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME...
SURE YOU DIDN'T KILL YOUR SON! NOBODY HERE EVER KILLED ANYBODY... SO TWO INNOCENT MEN HAVE TO DIE THIS MORNING! COME ON VINCE!
DEATH HOUSE
MARTELL! MIKE MARTELL... YOU...
VINSON, TELL 'EM WHAT HAPPENED! PLEASE. THEY CAUGHT ME BY LOGAN'S BODY, I PULLED THE KNIFE OUT OF HIM... MY FINGERPRINTS GOT ALL OVER IT! THEY'RE MAKING ME PAY FOR YOUR MURDER, VINSON! TELL 'EM THAT! TELL 'EM I DIDN'T KILL LOGAN!
DEATH HOUSE
6
THANKS FOR MAKING THIS EASIER FOR ME, VINSON.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, WARDEN, I DON'T MIND GOING NOW! I DON'T MIND AT ALL!
EXECUTION CHAMBER
CAUTION GAS RELEASE
AND SO TWO MEN PAID FOR EACH OTHER'S MURDERS IN THE LETHAL CHAMBER OF THE PENITENTIARY... A WEIRD TWIST OF FATE, BUT THE SCALES OF JUSTICE WERE BALANCED!
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Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

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"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

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Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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TOM, WHY DON'T SIS AND I GET INVITED TO PROMS AND PARTIES
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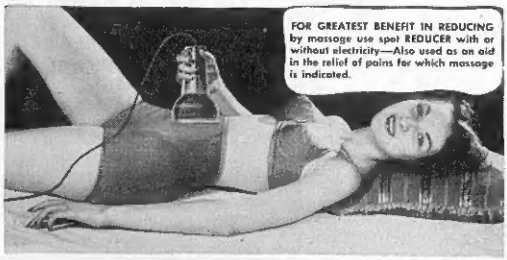
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